

REMARKS

Claims 1-48 are pending. Claims 5, 31-37, and 46 have been withdrawn. Claims 1, 6, and 11 have been amended.

The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims in light of the above claim amendments and the arguments presented in the Supplemental Response filed on December 15, 2008. The Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of the withdrawn claims upon allowance of independent claim 1.

The undersigned attorney would welcome the opportunity to discuss any outstanding issues, and to work with the Examiner toward placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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